

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: August 23, 2019

Ice Cream Social

It is finally here, the event that will have everyone screaming for ice cream – the Cottage Grove Armory Ice Cream Social. Stop by the Cottage Grove Armory on Saturday between 1:00 and 5:00 pm and step back in time to enjoy the good ole times with ice cream and carnival games all for a nickel each. There will also be free entertainment throughout the event. This year's event is sponsored by the Woodard Foundation and the ice cream is provided by Umpqua Dairy.

Yard of the Week

This week the Yard of the Week is located at 728 Harding Place. This is a beautiful yard that represents the work of the property owner and neighbors that have stepped in and helped when it was needed. Thank you for the great nomination. The 2019 Yard of the Week season will be ending in 5 weeks, so if there is a yard that needs recognition be sure to get the nomination submitted.

Beeper

The City Manager will be on KNND's Beeper Show on Monday, August 26th from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

National Preparedness Month

September is a time to make plans and preparations for things like fires, earthquakes, floods, tornados or snow storms or prolonged ice storms. When we think emergency preparedness, we often think of food storage and survival skills, but an important, and all too often overlooked part of every disaster preparedness plan is the protection of financial assets. In other words, having the right type of insurance may be just as important as a well-stocked Go-Bag.



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National Preparedness Month 2019

As part of National Preparedness Month, the Division of Financial Regulation and the Oregon Insurance Commissioner's Office are declaring the first week of September as "Home Inventory Week" and encourage Oregonians to do two things. First, build a quick and easy home inventory of your belongings; and second, sit down and speak with an insurance agent to make sure you

have the right coverage. For more information and helpful videos on how to create a home inventory visit: www.dfr.oregon.gov/preparenow

Disaster Preparedness and Response Training Recruitment

Is the winter snow storm, flooding, and wildfires of this past year on your mind? Do you have a desire to learn how to be prepared for future disasters and help our community respond to them? There is a training program starting in October just for you. South Lane County Rural Fire has partnered with the cities of Cottage Grove and Creswell to establish Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) and train community members on how to respond to local emergencies. Volunteers from all ages and walks of life are welcome to receive the training. CERT will teach you about the potential disasters that could affect our area and how to safely respond to them.

Under the direction of local Emergency Responders, CERT teams help provide critical support by giving immediate assistance to those in need, provide damage assessment information, organize other volunteers at a disaster site, support shelters, provide crowd control, and assist with evacuation orders. Training will begin in mid to late October. Interested citizens are encouraged to submit an application by September 13, 2019. Go to <http://southlanefire.org/join-us/cert> to fill out an application. If you have any questions please contact Division Chief Smith at asmith@southlanefire.org. Lets work together and be prepared for the next disaster.

Science Pub

On Tuesday, August 27th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm the Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council will be hosting their monthly Science Pub at the Axe and Fiddle. This month's topic is "Aquatic Invasive Species of the Coast Fork Willamette Watershed". Doug Garletts, professional fish biologist in the Willamette River basin for over twenty years, will provide an overview of invasive reptiles, fish and mammals in our watershed and in Oregon including some species that could pose future problems. For more information visit the Watershed website at: www.coastfork.org.

Cycle Oregon

Cycle Oregon is coming to the Cottage Grove area on Friday, September 13th at Schwarz Park bringing with them nearly 2,000 visitors to the area. The stop at Schwarz Park will be the last night on the week long cycling adventure. On Saturday, the 14th they will all pedal to the end of the ride in Oakridge. There are still a few opportunities for individuals and groups to be a part of this amazing adventure and help make the stay in our area a fun stop. Any group or individuals that want to be a part of the event can contact Travis Palmer at the Chamber of Commerce. Some of the opportunities can result in funding for the organization. Hurry and contact Travis as the opportunities are limited.

Quote of the Week

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream."

~C.S. Lewis~